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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, IN

SUBJ: CODEL FREY REPORT

REF: NEW DELHI 4758

1. DEPT SHARES EMBASSY CONCERN ON POSSIBLE IMPACT OF REPORT. UNFORTUNATELY, DRAFT NOT SHOWN TO DEPT PRIOR PUBLICATION AND COPIES ALREADY GIVEN TO PRESS BY HOUSE COMMITTEE. REPORT CURRENTLY UNDER EMBARGO UNTIL APRIL 29. DEPT HAS BROUGHT NUMEROUS ERRORS TO ATTENTION FREY'S STAFF AND ATTEMPTING REACH FREY BUT NOT SANGUINE REPORT CAN BE CHANGED OR HELD UP BEYOND EMBARGO DATE.

2. SHOULD GOI RAISE QUESTIONS ON REPORT, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT THIS CONGRESSIONAL STUDY REPORT. WITH REGARD TO SOURCING OF DIVERSION ESTIMATE TO BNDD
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AGENT, EMBASSY CAN DRAW ON LORENZ TO ERNST MEMO OF

MARCH 27 TO INDICATE THAT WHAT LORENZ SAID WAS MISINTERPRETED. ON ANOTHER POINT NOT REFERRED TO IN STATE 758923, REPORT CITES " EMBASSY PERSONNEL" AS SAYING MAJOR SMUGGLING OPERATION UNDERWAY IN BOMBAY. SUGGEST EMBASSY SAY THIS REFERENCE TO WIDELY- KNOWN SMUGGLING OF GOLD AND OTHER COMMODITIES AND NOT MEANT TO REFER TO NARCOTICS. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT WE HAVE NO RPT NO EVIDENCE THAT SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF INDIAN ORIGIN OPIUM IS BEING SMUGGLED INTO THE US.

3. FOR RESPONDING TO PRESS QUERIES IF THEY ARISE, SUGGEST EMBASSY BE PREPARED STATE MERELY THAT QTE THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION DOES NOT PERMIT PRECISE ESTIMATES ON DIVERSION OF OPIUM. WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH A RANGE OF EXISTING ESTIMATES, BUT WE WOULD NOT SPECULATE ON ANY ONE FIGURE. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF INDIAN ORIGIN OPIUM IS BEING SMUGGLED INTO THE US. UNQTE.

4. DEPT WOULD PLAN TAKE SAME LINE WITH POSSIBLE PRESS INQUIRIES HERE. ROGERS

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